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ASK ANY HONEST MERCHANT

AND HE WILL TELL YOU THAT

IF HE { Was doing a Cash Business / Was doing nearly all the work himself / Was not too Greedy

He Could Then Sell Goods as Cheaply as we do.

MEANWHILE OUR JANUARY SALE GOES MERRILY ON.

HERE IS ANOTHER SAMPLE LIST

Swift's Washing Powder and Soapine	04c pckg
Gold Dust and Kirkoline	04c "
Oliene Soap and Wool Soap	04c bar
Swift's Pride and Naptha Soap	04c bar
Celluloid Laundry Starch and Davis Corn Starch	04c pckg
Regular 5c bottle Vanilla or Lemon	04c bot
Regular 10c bottle Vanilla or Lemon	08c bot
Regular 15c Canned Asparagus	12c can
Good Light Weight Brooms	14c each
Ivory Soap (Regular 5c Size)	04½ cake
Horseshoe Salmon (Regular 15c Size)	12c can
Walter Baker's Cocoa (½ lb Can)	23c can
Walter Baker's Chocolate (½ lb Cake)	18c cake
10 lb bag best Flour	23c bag
Headlight Oil	11c gal
Regular 5c pckg Soda Crackers	04c each
Regular 10c pckg Soda Crackers	09c each
Nice Bright Lima Beans	11c qt
York State Cornfield Beans	08c qt
Regular 5c bottle Boyers Blueing	04c bot

Keep Your Eye Open for New List Next Week.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Little Paragraphs That will Interest Every Member of the Household

Berns new census gives that prison and $60,000 in flies.

Cerlins new sensus gives that town a population of 2,033,000.

Five hundred thousand persons are employed in basket making in Germany.

The value of the annual crop of peanuts in this country is about $12,000,000.

Soldiers are despised in China. They belong chiefly to the coolie classes.

Men often miss opportunity's knock because they are themselves so busy "knocking."

One of the inventors says that it will be possible within a year for everybody to fly.

The most active center of the railroad work during recent years has been the southern gulf states.

The Czar of Russia employes, 300,000 servants, and his stables contain 5,000 horses for his personal use.

Some scientist—Darwin, we think—in illustrating the struggle for existence going on in nature, made the statement that if all the eggs should hatch, the descendants of a single pair of codfish would in twenty-five years have a bulk greater than the earth.

Dont encourage that boy in his idea that he had enough schooling before he had finished a common high school course. Keep him going, even at the expense of some rather stringent urging. The successful man of the future must be an educated man. Things have changed since you were a boy and are changing more rapidly now than ever before. The chances for the plug man are dissappearing so give your boy enough education to raise him out of that class.

The government employes of Washington are, according to their own story, the most abused and maltreated individuals in the United States. They are compelled to work seven hours a day and then they may be dismissed at any time that the head of the department discovers their incapacity for their work. Still these inflagarent injustices do not result in any noticeable number of resignations and according to the annual report of the civil service commioners 148,730 persons took the examination last year with the hopes of entering the ranks of the downtrodden.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 6th, 1906.

The Philippine tariff bill fathered by Chairman Payne, has been introduced in the House and bids fair to cause a couple of weeks of debate at least. The main opposition to the bill comes from the cane and beet-sugar interests and from the tobacco trust which says it is afraid the American market may be flooded by cheap tobacco as the sugar men are afraid it will be flooded with cheap sugar. Chairman Payne, and he has the backing of Governor Luke Wright and other expert testimony, asserts that there is no danger of sugar and tobacco flooding the American market. In the first place there is not enough land available for either crop to make their great increase a matter of concern to this country, and there is not labor enough available to raise either in great quantities. On the other hand it is claimed that the opening of the Philippines will make a fresh market for American leaf tobacco for cigar wrappers and will enlarge the Philippine market in China and Japan. Of course the tobacco trust does not want to enlarge the American raw leaf market. It would mean that the American grower would have just that much wider territory in which to dispose of his crop. The American Tobacco Company of America and the Imperial Company of England have pooled the Oriental market to suit themselves, and naturally they do not want it interferred with. But it is very likely that the Philippine tariff bill will pass even if in somewhat amended form, and there will be a letting down of the tariff bars which form one of the chief obstacles to the material developement of the islands.

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Congress can be very funny when it gets dignified, and one of the latest instances in this line was this week when Representative Sims of Tennessee became excited over an editorial in a local paper and demanded an investigation by the committee on Post-office and Post roads into the alleged abuse of the franking privilege in Congress. The investigation was ordered and the committee will probably return a report that the specific charges are unfounded. At the same time everyone knows that the franking privilege in requiring a reply have been sent out under a frank with a frank envelope enclosed for the answer. Members also do frank a number of things through the post-office that have no business in a mail car. Whether it is true, as alleged, that cows and horses and household goods and kitchen utensils are also franked may be open to question. But it would not be surprising if they were. The little government paster giving freedom of the mails to departmental matter has covered a multitude of sins in its time. It may be news to some Representatives, but it was not many years ago that a distinguished member of the Geological Survey, caught in the field at the end of a season when his appropriation had run low, simply pasted government envelopes on his tents, poles, instrument cases and mess chests and sent them all back to Washington by mail. That was perhaps an isolated and exceptionally aggravated case, but there is a lot of cheap grafting under cover of the Congressional frank that the committee could uncover if it wanted to.

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Official orders do not stick unless they are intended to, and they are not intended to in the case of certain privileged persons. For instance the anti-pass order issued with a flourish of trumpets by the railroads some weeks ago will not apply to any congressman who wants to save his mileage. The day after the order was issued one of the correspondents in Washington declared that he did not believe the order was genuine. He telegraphed in the strength of his supicions to a high official in the Pennsylvania for transportation for himself and wife to St. Louis and return. The pass came back by return mail, and he displayed it to a number of his friends as an evidence that his suspicions were correct. As a matter of fact he had no earthly use for it and returned it a little later with a polite note saying that he had found it impossible to make the trip.

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In the same connection, it may be mentioned that a bill has been introduced in the House reducing the mileage of members from twenty to six cents. The former figure twenty cents is a relic of the old stage coach days when a man was a long time making the journey to Washington from anywhere and when he had to stop over night at taverns and the like. The mileage has remained at twenty cents ever since, and few Congressmen ever spend their mileage at all but ride on a pass and pocket the difference.

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The advocates of single statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory are coming to the fore and there promises to be quite as hard a fight over this question as over the question of separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico. There is a strong delegation from Indian Territory here now. They say that statehood and separate statehood was promised them in the Curtis Act, passed by Congress eight years ago and they are averse to being tied up with Oklahoma on the statehood issue. A hearing will soon be given the delegation by the committee of which Mr. Hamilton is the chairman and the joint pressure from the Indian Territory and Arizona may result in holding up the two statehood measures for another session of Congress.

Advantages [illegible]

A community [illegible] advantages, w[illegible] large [illegible]

NEW YORK FASHIONS

The new material that come under the head of Summer fabrics are being shown at all the fashionable shops, as has become the style in recent years. So accustomed have women become to selecting such goods in January that the seeming unseasonableness awakens no comment. The people who led in modes have formed the habit of going South in Winter with as much regularity as they go to Newport or Bar Harbor in Summer and not only do the new "wash goods" make their bow to the public with the beginning of the year but the gowns intended for Southern wear from the best makers are shown on all sides.

These set the Styles

for the coming seasons and the clever woman who likes to be up to date in her dressing, buys her materials early while the prettiest colorings and designs are obtainable and with her own skillful fingers or the help of some bright little dress-

maker fashions pretty frocks that do duty first at informal dinners and small dances, and later as an important part of her Summer outfit to insure her readiness when the warm days come as they are apt to do quite suddenly late in May.

Perhaps the Prettiest

of all the new 1906 dress goods are the Banzai Silks. These are delicate yet durable mixtures of silk and cotton, very glossy and supple. They come in all the fashionable color tones and in both plain goods and in figured designs. The name Banzai is stamped in Japanese characters on the blue wrappers of the goods though it may be suspected that the pretty stuff never saw Japan but is the clever production of American looms. For all that no one cares however, the main thing is that for 50 cents a yard you can buy the pretty silky Banzai and make all sorts of dainty dresses, waists and negligees not only for adults but for the younger fry, for the material washes perfectly, and is being used by all up-to-date dressmakers.

Furs and Fur-lined Coats

Our great grandmothers wore "bookmuslins" in mid-winter, and over them wadded pleisses, their modish descendants wear as thin materials only prettier in weave and long coats of fur or cloth or silk with fur linings which protect the wearer effectually however low the temperature. These handsome fur garments are besides so becoming and durable, and give such an air of elegance and distinction when thrown back at theatre, concert or other resort, that no article of woman's dress is more satisfactory as an investment. Our coldest weather coming now as usual after the 1st of January renders the question of furs more interesting even than earlier in the season. From custom chiefly however, reductions begin and intelligent buyers hastens to welcome C. C. Shayne's inaugural. For two or three seasons past, a special discount has been allowed on each kind of fur. The prestige of fine fur is equal to that of diamonds, especially if purchased from a dealer whose name is a guarantee.

Thanks are due the McCall Co., makers and designers of Fashion for handsome illustration shown above.

New Fads in Jewelry

This season there has been a specially large demand for all sorts of bracelets. All the old styles have been revived and the woman who has access to the jewel box of some long gone ancestress can array herself in almost any type of arm ornament with the assurance of being in the "tip of the mode" as these same grand ancestors would have expressed it. All sorts of gold weaving is liked, and medallions with chains, serpents with eyes of diamonds, rubies or emeralds, quaint East Indian designs in gold of various alloys and colors with semi-precious stones sunk in the design, and of course the regulation bands enriched with stones or carvings.

LUCY CARTER.

OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

Short PungantParagraphs Gathered Here and There

A girl may be named Pearl and still be a "peach."

Even the Stork sometimes gets tired of working overtime.

Old blood is thin and runs slowly; give the old folks the warmest nook in the chimney corner.

For every baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cramer as Eldorado, Iowa, the father of the husband gives the family $1,000. They have twelve children now.

In California the wage earning for women is solved by the fruit. She begins with the cherries, that ripen in May, and is kept busy most of the time until late in the fall.

Miss Helen Gould, with the intelligent assistance of Miss Elizabeth Altman, annually disburses $500,000 in charity. Probably Miss Gould supports directly and indirectly more charities than any person living.

A boy's best friend is his mother, and the boy who endeavors to pay back what he owes his mother, is the one who will be most sought after by the people who are worth while, and be apt to make the most successful life.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, has stirred up her million or more followers by putting a ban on the giving of Christmas gifts and discouraging personal congratulations on the occasion of the yuletide.

Mrs. Roosevelt has one well developed hobby and that is the collecting of old china. Under her supervision one of the most valuable collections in this country has been placed on exhibition in the basement of the white house, and it is a proud day when she can add something of historic worth to the treasures.

It is the duty of all parents to see that their children and taught from their wearing apparel; for the child who lets her clothes drop off her and lie in a heap on the floor invariably grows into the careless, untidy woman with whom we are so familiar.

A newspaper for engaged couples is the novel innovation is Swiss journalism. The first edition of this new journal states that the object of the paper is to supply a list of engaged couples to tradesmen for business purposes. There appear to be 12,000 engaged couples in Switzerland and their names and addresses are given in the paper.

Girls, how owe it to your mother to be on the look-out for every occasion to make whatever return you can for her years of sacrifice and planning for your happiness and well being. Treat her with unvarying courtesy, deference, and seek her comfort and pleasure above all others, and never be impatient, for she has had great patience with you.

Education is a man's birthright. A sound mind in a sound body, trained faculties responsive to the will, an outlook upon life, a knowledge of the past, skill to forecast in some measure to future preparation to live a complete life, all these are the rightful heritage of every man's soul; and upon society rests the responsibility to furnish the opportunity to attain them.

A woman cannot work at dressmaking, tailoring or any other sedentary employment without enfeebling her constitution, imparing her eyesight and bringing on a complication of complaints; but she can sweep, cook, wash, and do the duties of a well-ordered house, with modern arrangements, and grow healthier every year, said Harriet Beecher Stowe.

At Philadelphia, the managers of the Y. W. C. A., have concluded that a "girl" of 35 is fully equipped to take care of herself outside and has outgrown any disposition to giddiness, and in order to relieve the congestion at the Association Home and to make room for the large waiting list of country girls has decided to thrust them out into the world. Some of the residents of the home have been there for twelve or fifteen years, and though the new rule has been posted, no one has confessed to being 35. The rule takes effect next September.

Now as the frosts increase, the problem confronts all: How shall we spend the winter evenings? After all, where will you find a place that combines pleasure and profit to a degree that compares with your own firesides, whether it is a mythical fireside made of steam or hot water pipes or the hot air of a furnace or a little fireside with the coal therein actually ablaze. Get to your fireside, O busy worker! Make the acquaintance of your family. It will pay your heart big dividends. It will cheer your soul. It will uplift your spirt.

50 Per Cent Reduction Sale!

AT

DeVALINGER'S CASH STORE, TOWNSEND DELAWARE

For the month of January we will cut our retail prices 50 per cent on every article in the store. This is your opportunity to save 50 cents on every dollar you spend. We have an extra large stock to select from, we made large purchases of everything desirable in Clothing, Woolens, Mohairs, Serges and White Goods and as the wholesale market has made a great advance you see what this great sale means to you—not only the 50c off Reduction, but the saving over next year's prices. It will pay you to purchase now even though you did not use them till next year a few prices below will convince you of the great saving you can makeby buying this month.

Headlight Oil 6c.

(Not more than 1 gal to Customer)

Arbuckles Coffee 13c.

(2 pounds the limit)

DRY GOODS

$1.00 Mohairs, January sale price 60c. White, Cream, Ecru and those beautiful floral designs.

75c Mohairs, January sale price 45c. All shades Black, Brown, Blue and White.

50c Mohairs, January sale price 37 1-2c. All colors.

Treco Flannels January sale price 18c, were 25c.

Wool Suitings January sale price 16c, were 50c. A few pieces of good designs left.

Sicilian Fancies January sale Price 12 1-2c, was 20c.

Novelty Cotton Suitings January sale price 12 1-2c, was 25c.

Berkshire Plaids January sale price 20c, was 30c.

6c, 7c and 8c Calico all go in this January sale at 5c.

10c and 12½c Flanneletts go in this sale at 8c.

8c and 10c Outing Flannell all go at 6c.

30c Eiderdown January sale price 19c.

10c and 12½c Shaker Flannels go in this great sale at 8c.

12½c Skirt Flannel January sale price 8c.

10c Percals cut for this great sale to 6c.

12½c P. K., go at this January sale 6c.

BLANKETS and QUILTS

500 All-Wool Blankets cut for this sale to $3.

$1.25 Quilts go at this sale at 75c.

$1.50 Quilts go at $1.00.

$1.75 and $2.00 Quilts go at $1.25.

$2.50 and $3.00 Quilts go at $2.

90c and $1.00 Stable Blankets go at 50c.

$1.25 and $1.50 Stable Blankets go at 90c.

$2.00 and $2.50 Stable Blankets go at $1.50.

$4.50 and $5.00 Carriage Robes go at $3.50.

Men's Furnishings, Clothing and Underwear

Men's $8, $10 and $12 Suits all go at $4.00, to make room for spring goods. Come early and get a good choice.

50c Dress Shirts go at 39c.

75c and $1 Shirts go at 62 1-2c.

50c heavy fleece lined Underwear for Men 38c.

Men's 25c Underwear go at 18c.

Ladies' 25c Underwear go at 18c, this is heavy fleece lined goods.

NOTIONS GLOVES UNDERWEAR

Ladies' heavy, fleece lined Hose 10c were 20c.

Ladies' all-wool Hose 15c were 25c.

Children's 12½c and 15c. Have all sizes 10c.

Men's 50c gloves 42c.

Men's $1.00 Gloves 75c.

Men's $1.25 Buck Skin Gloves go at $1.00.

Men's 50c Scotch Wool Gloves go at 25c.

Ladies 50c Golf Gloves ga ai 25c.

Ladies' 25c Golf Gloves go at 19c.

GUM BOOTS and RUBBERS

Men's $3.50 Snag Proof Boots go at $3.00.

Men's $3 Rubber Boots go at $2.50.

Men's 70c Rubbers go at 52c.

Men's $3.25 Leath[illegible]e at $2.50.

SHOES

Great cut for this sale.

Men's $2.00 High Cut go at this sale at $1.50.

Men's $3.00 High cut Shoes this sale $2.50.

Men's $4 High cut Shoes go at $3.00.

Men's $2.50 Shoes High cut go at $2.50.

Men's $2.00 army and navy shoes $1.60.

Ladies' $1.50 Box Calf Shoes go at $1.25.

Ladies $2.00 Box Calf Shoes go at $1.60.

Ladies' $2.50 fine Dress Shoes go at this sale $2.00.

Ladies' $2.00 home comfort Shoes to go at $1.65.

Ladies $1.25 Heavy Winter Shoes cut for this sale $1.00.

Ladies' Dress Shoes this sale 80c were $1.00.

Boys' $1.50 Box Calf Shoes this sale $1.25.

[illegible]n's $2.75 Water Proof Boots $2.25.

☞Don't forget this great sale commences Tuesday, Ja[illegible] month. Every day is Bargain Day. Your Butter[illegible] just the same as Cash to us. Bring t[illegible]

W. T. DeValinger,

THE JANUARY AMERICAN BOY

The publishers of *The American Boy* have certainly set for themselves a hard task if they can improve upon the January number of that "greatest boy's paper in the world." From cover to cover it is filled with matter that boys delight in. No. 3 of the Editor's stories out of his own life, entitled "Won By a Cheat," tells of the temptation and fall of a boy who stood high among his fellows; "Relief of the North Branch Fort" is a story of the bravery of two boys who, at the risk of their lives, brought relief to a fort beseiged by Indians; Part III of "The Joy Claim" is given, which ends that interesting story. The opening chapters of "Denny, a Mule Driver," are given. This is a story which is sure to please its readers. There are two more chapters of "A French Frog and an American Eagle." "Two Boys, Two Burglars and a Telephone" tells how the ingenious work of two boys prevented a serious burglary and captured the burglars. "How Ironaxe Got His Honey" is an amusing story of two boys, a pail of honey and Indians "History Head" tells of the bravery and presence of mind of a boy while working during vacation, and "Jupiter, the Hairless Calf," tells of the experiences of two boys with a calf. Among the many articles are, "How America Came by Its Name;" "Prospect," "American Boy Day in 1906;" "Through Celestial Spaces," an astronomer's dream; "Bird Studies;" "The Language of the Ship;" "Money in Weeds;" "Recovering Historic Warships near Detroit;" "Hezekiah Butterworth, a Friend of A[illegible] boys;" "Boys Take Care of Yo[illegible] being [illegible]

THE FARM, GARDEN AND DAIRY

If you would have a happy New Year try to make other people happy.

Hens that must seek their own living are not of the kind that produce 200 eggs in a year.

Never complain of a cow's big appetite, for the more she eats the bigger milk pail she will need.

With likely mules selling at $400 to $500 a pair, why is it that mule breeding is mainly confined to Kentucky.

When a calf is taken away to be butchered, if a string (twine of any kind) is put into its blood and then tied around the cow's neck, she never frots nor bawls for the calf.

Uncle Sam is estimated to be the greatest hay maker in the world. This year it is figured that fully 64,500,000 tons of hay were harvested at a value of over half a billion dollars.

Because the students of the Kansas University at Lawrence have hunted and killed all the birds in that section and robbed their nests in pursuing their studies in biology, that section of Kansas has not had an apple crop for six years.

Every sunset during the last five years, says Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, has registered an increase of $3,400,000 in the value of the farms of this country. That is one way of describing a golden sunset.

The department of agricu[illegible] undertaking to [illegible]

A MATTER OF HEALTH

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OUR WORKHOUSE

The report of the Trustees of the New Castle County Workhouse for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1905 is an interesting document. It shows that the prisoners were boarded at an average cost of 8.4 cents per day as against an average cost under the old system of 30 cents or more; the annual cost per prisoner, including board, clothing, maintenance and management was $134.41, or a daily cost of a little less than 37 cents. The amount received from the contractors for shop work was $12,671.07; from quarry products, $2,792.98; from farm products used, $1,953.47. There was paid the prisoners for working overtime the neat sum of $1,425 85. Altogether the financial statement is flattering.

When considering the statment of the number of prisoners, &c., we are impressed with two facts, neither of which is encouraging. The first and most discouraging, is that the number of prisoners has increased during the year from 225 to 284, or more than 25 per cent. This is not a good sign, especially when it is remembered that the year has been one of marvelous prosperity, when every man who wanted to work could have the opportunity to do so. Crime is expected to increase during times of stress and to diminish during prosperity. There has been no corresponding increase in the population, and the cause must be looked for in a different direction. What it is, we are not prepared to say, but the fact remains as a serious question for the body politic. The other discouraging fact is the large and increasing number of convicts sent from the Municipal Court of the City of Wilmington. That Court sent over on sentences, 1,201; to await trial, 307; a total of 1,508. The magistrates all over the County, including four in the City, sentenced, 81; remanded to await trial 21; a total of 102. Nearly 94 per cent. of the total commitments were from the city. And it is fair to presume that the present population of the workhouse is of about the same proportion. So that it is fair to state that 94 per cent. of the expense of the maintenance of the institution is directly chargeable to the city, which pays approximately half of the county taxes.

In thisconnection it may be out of place to call attention to the complaints that are being made because they Levy Court has directed the County Assessors for the City to assess the real estate in their districts in accordance with the law, at its real value in money. For years owners of real estate in the city have been paying on what is known as the ⅓ basis. Many of our farms in the country are assessed at as much as the would bring at public sale. Leaving out of consideration the matter of equity and fairness of treating everybody alike, we do not see how the Levy Court could do less than it has done. Chapter 8, Sec. 10, Laws of Delaware, as appears on page 80, Revised Code of 1893, provides:

"It shall be the special duty of the Levy Court to see that the principle of assessing property according to its true value, is carried out and executed by the assessors; and for that purpose to correct any assessments; and, if necessary, to require an assessor to make a reassessment."

We think that the complaints now being lodged are out of place. If the assessment of the city under the recent orders of the Levy Court should show a material advance over the natural increase from year to year it will be taken as good evidence that for years some property owners have been escaping their just and equitable share of the burdens of the county. If such should be the case, it will probably be found, as THE TRANSCRIPT pointed out in reference to other districts, that it is the very valuable properties that are under assessed. Now is the time to give this matter attention. The assessors are at work, and the result of their work is to be posted for the information and consideration of the taxables in five of the most public places of each election district. The assessment will be returned to the Levy Court on the first Tuesday in February. Appeals may be made to the assessor on the last Saturday in January; to the Levy Court any time during the month of March.

PLAYING POLITICS

On more than one occasion we have considered it our duty to criticise the action of the Republican members of the Levy Court of this county, especially upon the matter of [illegible] fooled by [illegible] We have their differences without Democratic aid. Last Tuesday, in spite of a difference of opinion on the question of the necessity of a re-organization of the Court, two of the Republican members entered into a deal by which Mr. McFarlan was chosen by the votes of two Democrats and two Republicans. This is even more censuable than the action of a year ago, as there is plenty of evidence of a deal. And what is surprising, is that the man who suffered from the action of 1905, accepts office at the hands of his then opponent. Truly, politics makes strange bed-fellows.

On the question of organization, THE TRANSCRIPT is not sure where the right lies. The so-called "Seven Commissioner Act," which is the latest Levy Court law we have, being passed in 1901, after providing for the election of the commissioners in 1904 and every fourth year thereafter, provides in Section 3;

"That the said Levy Court Commissioners so to be elected, shall thereafter constitute the Levy Court of New Castle County, and shall meet for organization on the first Tuesday in January after their election, and after taking the oath prescribed by the Constitution shall proceed to elect one of their number to be the presiding officer. * * * The said Levy Court shall have the power to make rules for their government not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the State, and after their said first meeting they shall meet at the times now prescribed by law for the meetings of the Levy Court of said County."

Acting under the authortyi conferred by this section the present Levy Court adopted a set of rules that provides for the election of a Chairman annually. The question that will probably have to be settled by the Superior Court, is as to its conflict with the provision of the law requiring only one first meeting.

This question we cannot answer, but we are unquestionably of the opinion that the Republican members did not do right when they allowed it to become a question. The Democratic members played politics, and did it according to the rules of the game, to get advantage. On the last Tuesday of December, Messrs. Scott and Salmon go out of their way to express how much pleasure it will give them to vote for the re-election of Mr. Hopkins. On the following Tuesday, at least one of them votes with another Democrat and two Republicans so elect McFarlan. This is not inconsistent. It is playing politics.

WARWICK

Lodge Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

Work has begun on the new creamery.

Now that you have them over keep them down.

Mr. Frank Sullivan spent Tuesday in Kent County.

Miss Bessie Wilson Gunkle was in Sassafras this week.

Miss Emma L. Vinyard spent the Holidays at home.

Mrs. T. Clinton Lynch has returned from Philadelphia.

Prof. Guy Johnson returned from Elkton on Tuesday last.

Mr. P. F. Johns spent from Saturday until Monday at home.

Chicken thieves are said to be making their rounds in Warwick.

Miss Moore, of Chesapeake City, visited Miss Eva Holden last week.

Mr. Clarence Lipiscomb has returned to his home in Wilmington Del.

We understand that the local 'phones will be placed in position in a few days.

The entertainment in the Church Wednesday evening was highly appreciated.

Mrs. C. Richard Manlove entertained Reading and Warwick friends one day last week.

Mr. Harry Manlove, of Middletown, visited his mother, Mrs. B. S. Hall, on Sunday last.

Eula Vinyard who has been confined to her room for several days is slowly convalessing.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Parris are sojourning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Spear, on Bohemia Manor.

A strawride composed of young people left town Tuesday evening for the home of Mrs. John R. H. Price near town.

Miss Clara Duryea had as her guests on Sunday the Misses Estella Bishop, Maime Merritt and the Misses Aikin.

Miss Ada Marsh has returned to her home in Wilmington after a short vacation with her father, Mr. E. E. Marsh.

The home of Mr. B. R. Merritt, Jr., is nearing complection on Main street, and adds very much to the appearance of our town.

Misses Will and Josephine Aikin, of Delaware City, spent part of the past week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wilson.

Mr. Patrick Dorsey entertained last week Messrs. William and Michal Dorsey, of Washington, D. C., and Joseph Dorsey, of Philadelphia.

The regular social and business meeting of Mt. Olivit Christian Endeavor Society was held at the parsonage last Thursday evening.

The Misses Willie and Lena King accompanied by their brother Samuel, returned home on Tuesday after a pleasant visit in Wilmington Del.

Mrs. Frank S. Cain entertained on Monday at the parsonage a number of young girls in honor of her guest, Miss Bessie Numbers, of near Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wilson entertained at dinner on Friday the Misses DeHarte and Brines of Reading, Pa., and Merritt and Lofland, of this town.

Mrs. Sallie Gunkle had as her guest on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John R. H. Price, of near town; Mr. and Mrs. John Ernest, of Sassafras, and Miss Ella M. Staats, of Charlestown.

There will be preaching at the M. P. Church next Sunday evening at 7.30, followed by revival services. The pastor Rev. Frank S. Cain, Anticipates the assistance of Rev. C. E. Redecker of Odenton, during the coming week. Mr. Redecker [illegible] President of the State camp of Md., [illegible] S. of A.

M[illegible] Mrs. R. B. Merritt royally en[illegible]on Thursday Miss Minnie [illegible]nes DeHarte, of B[illegible]

[Communicated]

TO THE WEST

DENVER, COL., December 21st, 1905.

It will be difficult to find anywhere between New York and this city a more beautiful, if not a richer, farming district than that of your own Middletown. Nowhere in this vast stretah of 2000 miles do you find such beautiful hedges, farms better tilled and kept and more attractive homes, and at the same time more detestable public highways and more enduring mud than your own vicinity presents. If you are looking for downright contentment, satisfied repose and a long and undisturbed life don't go West. Stay in Middletown. No place that I have ever seen will give you so many comforts at so small a cost, and nowhere will you find a people more genuinely hospitable and graciously social. But for the man of throbbing blood and for the hopeful man, the man who will see the air full of feathers when you show him an egg, there is no place like the West. Even the young man who is destitute of hopefull ambition will soon throw off the depressing incubus if he breathes for awhile this inspiring western atmosphere. The very soil that lies under your feet is potentially rich with hopeful fertility, for it is a stranger to your farming phosphates and will be for a century to come. Tom Hood could have said of the soil of the western states "that if you tickle it with a hoe it will laugh with a harvest." The agricultural prosperity of the West is simply phenomenal. Combination farming has made the farmers rich. They raise corn to fatten their own cattle and dogs, and sell their surplus. In Illinois and Iowa these lands cannot be bought for less than one hundred dollars an acre, and this may be a low average.

After you leave Lincoln, Nebraska, on the Burlington route and begin to bear off toward the Black Hills of South Dakota, you enter a territory where the soil is less fertile and the farmers less prosperous. The land is uneven and hilly and long before you have reached the South Dakota line you have gotten into what is called the "rain belt region" of the arid West. The term "rain-belt" may need some explanation. That great stretch of territory lying along the western border of Kansas and Nebraska, and a still broader stretch along the eastern border of Colorado and Wyoming is called the "rain-belt" because rain seldom visits that region. About twenty years ago thousands of farmers from Iowa, Eastern Kansas and Eastern Nebraska settled on these lands filled with the belief that all these arid plains needed to make them as productive as the states from which they came was to plow and till the soil thoroughly and then the rain-fall would increase. They built their towns, erected school-houses in some instances costing from six to ten thousand dollars, and they spent their money to make this part of the Great American Desert blossom as the rose, but it didn't blossom. After a few years they literally folded their tents and silently stole away in the night. Where towns of four or five thousand inhabitants had once flourished, to-day not a house is left standing to tell the tale of a hopeful past. A few of those enterprising people who practiced rigid economy and were especially thrifty in branding mavericks have managed to eke out an unenviable existence awaiting the building of the Government reservoirs to enable them to irrigate their lands. When this is done this barren "rain-belt" territory will become the garden spot of American. The land is level and the soil is deep and rich and it cannot be surpassed in Iowa or Illinois. These lands are now being bought up by syndicates for a mere song from the original settlers and will be sold for fabulous prices when the United States Government shall have brought this section under irrigation. Too immense reservoir systems are now being built, one in Wyoming and one in South Dakota.

For the information of those who are not familiar with this great enterprise I will explain that the Government has already appropriated several millions of dollars for the erection of reservoirs to store water for irrigating the lands in this arid region. In the future all the proceeds from the sale of government lands are to be applied to this purpose. Under this system it will be but a few years before all the uncultivated lands in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska and the Dakotas will be brought under the highest state of cultivation. Land that can be bought to-day for ten dollars an acre will when irrigated be worth from seventy-five to one hundred dollars an acre. At the risk of wearying you I will give you some idea of the North Platte project which is now building in Wyoming and Nebraska. This reservoir system will reclaim 150,000 acres of barren land in those two States. It extends from Whaten, Wyoming, to Bridgeport, Nebraska, a distance of 150 miles. The canal is 54 feet on the bottom and carries 10 feet in depth of water at the head, the capacity being estimated at 1400 cubic feet per second. It will have a length exclusive of laterals of about 150 miles. About 20,000 acres in Wyoming and about 30,000 acres in Nebraska will receive water for irrigation by the Spring of 1907, and by the Spring of 1908, 50,000 additional acres will be covered, and in the Spring of 1909 the entire project will be completed. The probable cost per acre will be about $35.00. The United States Government has arranged for easy payments in ten annual installments which may or may not be equal. It is contemplated that the first assessment will be $1.00 per acre, the second $2.00, the third $3.00, the fourth $4.00 and $4.00 annually thereafter until the last few years when it will be raised sufficiently to make the aggregate $35.00. These deferred payments do not have interest and no charges for maintenance and administration will be made, the $35.00 per acre including both these items as well as the construction of the lateral ditch system. It is the purpose to construct these lateral ditches to each farm or so near to each farm that the farmer can himself plow a small lateral to reach his land. This is a very important item as everyone who is accustomed to farming under the irrigation system well knows. The writer once spent $5,000 to construct laterals to his farms. This great canal will be constructed in the most substantial manner, all the culverts, flumes, syphons, outlet gates, waste gates and head works being built of concrete re-inforced with steel. After a majority of the land has paid up in full its proportion of the construction the administration of the canal will be turned over to the association of water users, and the cost of maintenance from that time on should be very small, there being little or no structures to be renewed. The source of supply to this one system of irrigation is the North Platte River and will be ample for all requirements. There will pass the diversion dam each year 1,500,000 acre—feet of water. It is estimated that this vast flood of water is capable of bringing under cultivation 350,000 acres. The elevation of the land is from 3700 to 4200 feet, being 1500 feet lower than the celebrated farming section of Greeley, Col., which is acknowledged to be the most profitable farming locality in the United States.

The soil under this canal system is wonderfully prolific, 110 bushels of oats to the acre having been raised. These oats will run from 40 to 44 pounds per bushel The average crop of wheat is over 35 bushels to the acre. Beets have gone 20 tons to the acre and which have sold for $5 00 per ton on board the cars at the nearest station. The saccharine content [illegible] high, the laboratory tests show[illegible] per cent Three crops of alfalfa [illegible] early, [illegible]

this right will be reduced to 80 acres and that those who have not made final proof on their 160 acres will be allowed to make proof on 80 acres only. There is another system of irrigation similar to this now in process of erection in South Dakota, east of Deadwood, which section, I am told has a better climate and presents superior inducements to the Wyoming-Nebraska system. Here is an opportunity for the thrifty renter of every Delaware farm to become an independent landlord. I would not say that every farmer in the East should go into this new enterprise that the government offers, but I do say that every renter of a farm in the East who has $500 or $1000 and a spark of hope in his soul should go, and not stand upon the manner of his going. Many questions I am aware, will present themselves to the reader that I have not made clear, but I have already written too longa letter.

JUNIUS.

ST. GEORGES

Harry Buckson was in Cheesapeake City on Monday.

Miss Ida Wright entertained on Sunday Miss Lizzie Cluff, of Wilmington.

James Cannon, Jr., visited on Sunday his uncle, Herbert Cannon, of Glasgow.

Mrs. James Cannon and wife were the guests of William Price and wife on Tuesday.

Mrs. Howard Gray and daughter Violet, spent Sunday with Kirkwood friends.

Miss Amanda Moore has returned after a visit of a few days with her sister in Wilmington.

Clyde Hill has returned after spending a week with his uncle, Frank Hill, in Hockessin.

Raymond Cannon, of Glasgow, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Walter Cox and family.

Miss Sara Milligan has returned after a weeks visit with friends in Baltimore and Washington.

W. C. Biggers' Minstrels will play here on Saturday evening, January 6th, in Odd Fellows' Hall.

Edward Lester, wife and granddaughter Bessie, spent Monday with Samuel Lester and family.

Lester Hopkins has returned home after a few days visit with his uncle, John Lester and family.

Charles Cannon and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with her father, Frank Merrick in Newark.

James Ellison, of Philadelphia, spent part of this week with the Misses Mary and Claren Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lynch, of Chestnut Hill, spent Sunday with her parents, Benjamin Truax and wife.

William Calhoun and William Lester were entertained at dinner on Wednesday by Theodore Jones and wife.

Erving Wolfe has returned home after a two weeks visit with his uncle, Charles Wright and family in Baltimore.

Joseph Heisel and wife have returned after an extended [illegible] to their son, Herbert Heisel and wife, in Hope, N. J.

James Moore and wife and Mrs. James Cannon were in New Castle on Sunday, as the guests of Harry Lester and family.

Mrs. Bratton has returned to her home in Newark, N. J., after spending several weeks with her sister Mrs. Sarah Cann.

Misses Mabel and Blanche Jones who have been spending the Holidays with their mother, Mrs. Alida Jones, have returned to their respective schools Bear and Franklin.

The M. E. Church held their Xmas entertainment on New Year's night, which was one of the most interesting entertainments of the year. The church was beautifully decorated with red and green festooning. A magnificent tree occupied a very prominent space to the left of the room. The program was carried out without a failure. The solo's rendered by Misses Edna Swan, Mariam Price and Mr. Corbit Davidson were very much enjoyed. Perhaps the most interesting character of the evening was Old Santa Claus, who brought with him a good store of candy and oranges for each little tot there. While he did not forget the scholars and teachers and presented each one with a beautiful present.

ODESSA

Miss Edna Earle Ewell is the guest of friends at Sparrows Point, Md.

Miss Marion Mifflin had as her guest over Sunday Miss Harding, of Philadelphia.

Revival meetings began in St. Paul's M. E. Church on Monday evening of this week.

Miss Addie Alfree, of Townsend, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Kumple last week.

Miss Emma Eccles has returned after spending a few days in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mr. Fred Demerst and wife, of Delanco, N. J., are visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Grenminger.

Miss Anna Morgan was the guest of relatives in Wilmington and Chester from Monday to Wednesday of this week.

Miss Beatrice Davis, of Camden, N. J., was entertained by her friend, Miss Mary Townsend, from Saturday to Monday.

The many friends of Capt. H. V. Woodall and wife regret that they have moved from our midst. Mr. Woodall has been Captain on Steamer Clio for several years, but moved to Baltimore on Thursday of this week.

The funeral of Miss Anna Derrickson, took place here at the home of her sister, Mrs. Joseph L. Gibson, on Monday, January 1st, at 10.30 A. M.; interment was in Forest Cemetery at Middletown. Rev. F. H. Moore of Middletown, officiated.

Misses Mary and Helen Townsend, Ethel Mailly, Francis Aspril and Marion Mifflin gave a dance in the Red Men's Hall on last Saturday evening in honor of their guests, Miss Beatrice Davis, of Camden N. J., and Miss Harding, of Philadelphia. Quite a number from Middletown were present and it proved to be a very enjoyable affair.

TOWNSEND

Prof. Sloop, of Dover, was in town recently.

Miss Ethel Lee visited her sister near Smyrna recently.

Mrs. Richard Hodgson and son Paul were in Smyrna recently.

Miss Ella C. Maloney spent a few days in Philadelphia last week.

Miss Mary Money is spending sometime with Philadephia friends.

Miss Katherine Ratledge was an over Sunday visitor at Middletown.

Miss Elizabeth Welch, of Philadelphia, visited Mrs. Winfield Lattomus last week.

Walter Finley, of Philadelphia, has been visiting relatives in and near town recently.

Mrs. Albert Watts and son Edgar, of Cecilton, visited her parents, Mr. L. B. Shockley and wife, this week.

Rev. J. W. Jones began his extra services her last Sunday night. So far not much interest has been shown.

The Ladies' Aid of Union M. E. Church will meet next Wednesday evening, January 10th, at the home of Jacob Spicer, near Blackbird.

Daniel F. Jones a student of Conway Hall, [illegible] after spending the Xm[illegible] his father, D. B. [illegible] Tuesday.

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NOTICE--DIVIDEND

CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK
OF MIDDLETOWN
Middletown, Del., Jan. 2 1906.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. clear of Taxes, payable to the Stockholders on and after January 12th, 1906.

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE--DIVIDEND

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK
OF ODESSA
January 3d, 1906.

The Directors have this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of THREE PER CENT. Payable on and after the 10th inst.

JOSEPH L. GIBSON, Cashier.

NOTICE--DIVIDEND

THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK
OF MIDDLETOWN,
Middletown, Del., Dec. 30th, 1905.

The Board of Cirectors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, January 13th, 1906.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:

Whereas, Margeart A. Fisher by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle
[Seal] County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Thomas Fisher.

We, therefore, Command You, as you were heretofore commanded, That you summon Thomas Fisher that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Fifth day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Margeart A. Fisher according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-second day of December A. D. nineteen hundred and five.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN.
Issued Jan. 3, 1906. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Mary E. Strewman by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle
[Seal] County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and George W. Strewman.

We, therefore, Command You, as you were heretofore commanded, That you summon George W. Strewman that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Fifth day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary E. Strewman according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-second day of December A. D. nineteen hundred and five.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN.
Issued Jan. 3, 1906. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:

Whereas, Clarence S. Macklin by his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle
[Seal] County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Emily B. Macklin.

We, Therefore, Command You, as you were heretofore Commanded That you summon Emily B. Macklin that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday the Fifth day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Clarence S. Macklin according to the Act of Assembly in such [illegible]

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Men's all-wool overcoats in Kerseys, Friezes, Fur Beavers and the popular fancy cheviots and worsteds which were made especially for the long Tourist coats.

$40 Overcoats are $32.50
$35 Overcoats are $27.50
$30 Overcoats are $25
$27.50 Overcoats are $22
$25 Overcoats are $18
$20 Overcoats are $15
$15 Overcoats are $11.50
$10 Overcoats are $7.75

Men's all-wool suits—principally in cheviots and worsteds—both in the single and double breasted styles, reduced as follows:

$22.50 Suits are $16.50
$20 Suits are $15
$18 Suits are $14
$16.50 Suits are $12
$15 Suits are $11.50
$13.50 Suits are $10
$12 Suits are $9

Boys' all-wool overcoats in sturdy popular fabrics.
$18 Overcoats are $12 $16.50 Overcoats are $12
$13.50 Overcoats are $10

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$18 Suits are $13.50 $15 Suits are $9
$12 Suits are $8.50

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Women's Fur Neckwear reduced—$5.00 to $35—worth $7.50 to $55.00.

Women's Fur Coats of fine electric seal, satin lined throughout, $35 and $30 coats reduced to $23.

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1906

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY.

In the matter of the petition of Thomas J O'Neill to have a certain mortgage made and executed by William H. Pierce to the Penn Loan Association, a corporation of the State of Delaware and recorded in Mortgage Record W. Vol. 3, page 361, &c., marked satisfied on the record thereof. } No. 167 Nov. Term A. D. 1905

And now to-wit, this Fourth day of December A. D. 1005, petition and affidavit filed, and on motion of Tilghman Johnston E-quire, Rule granted upon The Penn Loan Association to show cause if any it has why the mortgage herein above particularly referred to shall not be marked satisfied on the record thereof returnable on Saturday, the Ninth day of December A. D. 1905, at 10.00 o'clock, A. M.

And now to-wit, this Ninth day of December A. D. 1905, on motion of Tilghman Johnston E-q, it is ordered by the Court that the above rule be continued to the February Term A. D. 1906, of this Court and that a copy thereof be published by the Sheriff of New Castle County in a newspaper of said County once each week for four successive weeks.

In testimony that the above is a true copy of the Rule granted and order made thereunder in the case there stated, as the same
[Seal] remains of record, I hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Court, this Thirtieth day of December A. D. 1905.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Prothonotary.

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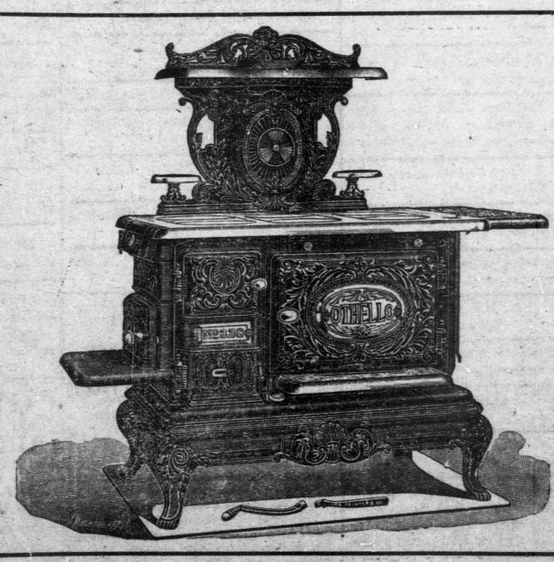

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The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.20 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p m
For Odessa—7.30 a. m., 8.3. a m 11.30 a. m., 4.30 p. m.
For Warwick Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.4 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 4, 1906.

Local News

Navel Oranges at MONTGOMERY'S.

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FOR RENT.—Several houses and stables. G. E. HUKILL.

If you want good Buckwheat try Evans'—its pure.

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After Oct. 1st the library hours will be as follows: Tuesdays from 3.30 to 5 P. M.; Saturdays from 3.30 to 5 P. M., and 7 to 8.30 P. M.

WANTED—Bright, honest young man from Middletown to prepare for paying position in Government Mail Service, Box One, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Strictly high-class dental service at moderate cost. Free examination and estimate. DR. J. ALLEN JOHNSON, Main street, Middletown, formerly of Indianapolis.

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Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., will hold its second annual banquet on Tuesday evening, February 6th.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Dec. 28th: Miss Amanday Blake, Oliver Holmes.

Messrs. C. P. Cochran, T. E. Clayton, John A. Jolls, Walter Beaston and T. S. Fouracre will exhibit poultry at the Diamond State Poultry show in Wilmington next week.

We have at our place an engine and mill and are prepared to grind ear corn, shelled corn or oats for feed. Soliciting your trade we are,
Respectfully yours,
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WANTED.—By Chicago wholesale and mail order house, assistant manager (man or woman) for this county and adjoining territory. Salary $20 and expenses paid weekly; expense money advanced. Work pleasant; position permanent. No investment or experience required. Write at once for full particulars and enclose self-addressed envelope. COOPER & Co. 132 Lake Street, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Eliza Alston, of Still Pond, Md., died on Friday last, in the 94th year of her age. She was the mother of Mrs. J. B. Bratton, formerly of this town, but now of Lambertville, New Jersey. The body was brought to Middletown for interment on Monday morning, and interred in Forest Cemetery, where services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Lightbourne. The bearers were Jos. C. Parker, William Brockson, J. Cowgill Alston, W. S. Letherbury, and two grandsons, Harry and William Webster.

The members of the New Century Club gave their annual New Year's reception on Tuesday evening, in the Club room on South Broad street. The room was decorated with the Club colors, green and yellow, and the table was filled with the handsome new china recently purchased by the Club. Several instrumental solos and one duet were given by Mrs. J. G. Bragdon, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. Clara B. Green and Miss Susie Foard. Ham and chicken sandwiches, olives and coffee were served by Misses Dora Price, Martha Heaton, May Holten and Agnes Cochran. Owing to recent death in the families of several prominent Club members, the attendance was not as large as usual.

The young people of Odessa gave a dance on Saturday evening in Red Men's Hall. Music was furnished by Mr. Sewell Downs, of Summit Bridge, and refreshments consisting of sandwiches and coffee were served. The patronesses were: Mrs. Frank B. Watkins, Mrs. Walter V. Woods, Mrs. Lee Sparks, Mrs. Carrie Appleton. Among those present were: Misses Justine Peverley, Helen Cochran, Julia Lockwood, Helen Brady, Elizabeth Lindley, Susie Foard, Marion Mifflin, Ethel Mailley, Helen Townsend, Mary Townsend, Mary Shallcross, Esther Shallcross, Beatrice Davis, Frances Aspril, Bertie Cochran, Ethel Brady, Arthur Bradley, Julian Foard, George Stephens, Joseph Comegys, Elias M. Shallcross, William Townsend, Joseph Williams, Mr. Latton, Mr. Davis, Frank Watkins, Lee Sparks, Mr. Scott, Clarence Aspril and Davis.

The Christmas entertainment and treat of the Primary Department of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Sunday School took place in the lecture room of the church on Friday evening, December 29th. In the corner of the room was a large Christmas tree hung with stockings filled to the top for the little ones. The exercises were interesting throughout, they deserving much credit for the manner in which they took their several parts. The following program was rendered: Singing by school, "Hearts Bells;" Apostles Creed and Lord's Prayer, by school; singing by school, "Christmas Bells;" greeting, Lee Vinyard; solo, Bessie Denny; recitation, Charles Ritchie; recitation, Hannah Kirk; "Snow Flake Song," Marian, Elmer and Lee Vinyard; recitation, Timothy Hukill; singing by school, "Merry Christmas;" recitation of girls; solo, Marian Vinyard; recitation, Lemont Jones; solo and chorus, Miss Rosa Weber and school; recitation Myrtle Whitlock; solo, Mrs. Corbit Vinyard; song by school; address by pastor, Rev. A. W. Lightbourne; arrival of Old Kris.

Farmers complain of a scarcity of laborers, and say it is difficult for them to house their crops for want of help. At the same time, lawyers, doctors and bankers from the cities are scouring the country for servant girls. Why these conditions? Is it because we enact anti-immigration laws prohibiting servant girls and laborers from coming into our refuge for the oppressed—our land of the free—keeping out of the shadow of 'Old Glory' the poor folk of Poland and China who would be willing to do some of our work for a little of our overpins of the needful?

A surprise party was given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. McCoy, near Kirkwood, for their daughter, Miss M Coy, on Thursday evening. Most of the evening was spent in dancing, with Miss Lena Pleasanton at the piano. As is always the case at Dr. M Coy's home, a pleasant evening was passed. Refreshments of chicken salad, biscuit, coffee and chocolate mints, were served. Among the guests were: Mrs. Emerson McWhorter, Mrs. Miles Clark, Misses Anna M. Stewart, Clara C. W. Paxson, Elsie Paxson, Frances E. Ford, Sara E. M. Milligan, Louise B. Jackson, Florence F. Cox, Florence Hall, Agnes Vail, Irene Davidson, Maude Clark, Marian Clark, Lena H. Pleasanton, Susie B. Ellison, Messrs. Harold Way, Warren Way, Ralph Waite, Leslie Ford, Charles Cann, Lee Cann, J. Richard Jackson, Howard Milligan, Joseph Reeves, W. D. Clark, Stewart Clark, William Veasy, Eugene Paxson and Sewell Downs.

CHURCH NOTES

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "How Finding Christ Changes the life." (Consecration meeting) Mrs. Matthews, leader.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Laying Foundations for 1906." I-a. 28:16; 1 Pet. 2:4-7; 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:19 20; 2 Tim. 2:19; Luke 646 49. (Morning Enrollment) Leader, J. E. Denny.

Special services were held in Bethesda M. E. Church Sunday evening, beginning at 7.30 o'clock and continuing until midnight. The services were interesting and were in charge of the Epworth League, Revs. A. W. Lightbourne, William Hutchin and E. W. Caswell of New York. A love feast and general experience meeting was most impressively conducted by Rev. William Hutchin. The services are being held nightly, and the pastor asks for your hearty co-operation during this revival period.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer will begin on tomorrow, January 7th, and sevices will be held in the Forest Presbyterian Church on every evening, except Saturday of next week.

The wonted invitations issued by the Evangelical Alliance has gone forth for the fifty-ninth successive year bidding us join the world-wide circle of "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men," and observe the week, January 7-14, 1906. The call has been sent out in many languages, in more than fifty different countries throughout all parts of the world. The programme is based on the thought of supplication for a great and genuine revival through the promised power of God's spirit." The sermon topic suggested for the opening Sunday is "The Spirit and the Fire" (Matthew iii, 11-12, vii, 16). For the closing Sunday, one week later, the theme proposed is "Conditions of Blessing" (Malachi iii, 10). The prayer meeting subjects for the week days intervening are:

Monday—Prayers for a revival which shall bring Christians into more vital relation to Christ (Malachi iii, 3).

Tuesday—Prayer for a revival which shall renew the churches of every name into full accord with the mind will of Christ (Acts ii, 1, 4, 41).

Wednesday—Prayer for a revival which shall convince and convict the unsaved (John xvi, 8).

Thursday—Prayer for a revival which, saving the individual, shall also save society (Luke iv, 18-19).

Friday—Prayer for a revival which shall fill each Christian heart with missionary devotion (Acts xx, 24).

Saturday—Prayer for a revival which shall exalt anew the world-wide fatherhood of God and the world-wide brotherhood of man as revealed in Christ, and give international application to the one "royal law" (James ii, 8).

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN P. COCHRAN

After an illness of several weeks Mrs. Marian Estelle Cochran, wife of Mr. John P. Cochran, Jr., died at her late residence near town, Friday at noon. Mrs. Cochran was a lady beloved by a large number of our people, and her death is a great loss to the community.

Mrs. Cochran was one of the most active members of the Ladies' New Century Club, and much of its success during the past few years can truly be credited to her untiring efforts.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bailey of Philadelphia, and leaves a devoted husband, father and two brothers to mourn her untimely death.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 9th, at one o'clock from her late home near town; interment in Forest Cemetery

ROLLS OF HONOR

The following pupils of the Middletown Public Schools have obtained 90 per cent. or over for the month of December:

HIGH SCHOOL.—Grade A, Emily Allee, Nevada Alricks, Helen Rowe. Grade B, Ada Scott, Reece Darlington, Nellie Armstrong, Lydia Dockety, Helen Shepherd. Grade C, Blanche Deakyne, Mary Richards, Emory Hukill. DEPARTMENT No. 3.—Class A, Fannie McCrone, Helen Biggs, Leanora Davis, Elsie Boulden, Bertha Jones. Class B, Nellie Pyle, Estelle Beaston, Martha Voshell, William Kirk, Irving Roberts, Lena Weber. DEPARTMENT No. 3.—Class A, Lola Carroll, Rupert Burstan, John Hoffecker, Elma Deakyne, Ruby Whitlock. Class B, Maude Taylor, Helen McDowell, Estella Johnson, Frank Richards. DEPARTMENT No. 4.—Class A, Elizabeth Gibbs, Laura Connellee, Edna Brynes, James Walker, Medford Johnson, Burton Hall, Kendall McDowell. Class B, Myrtle Whitlock, Grace Williams, Charlotte Peverley, Alice Boulden, Elsie Fowler, Hester Baker, Osborne Banning, Lemont Jones, Frank Tyson, Holmes Burke, Tim Hukill. DEPARTMENT No. 5.—Class A, Sarah Kates, Frances Beaston, Jessie Shepherd, Bessie Denny, Edith Eliason, Helen Hall, George Minner, Elmer Kirk, Clifford Pyle, Perth Johnson. Class B, Clara Gallagher, Erline Fortner, Lelia Pearce, Martha Pearce, Esther Williams, Marian Daniels, Marguerite Walker, Clarence Weber, John Kumpel, Charles Ritchie, Fred Baker, Mildred Freeman.

CARD PARTY

Mrs. S. Wills Lusby and Miss Emma Lusby entertained a card party at their home near Cecilton Md., last week. The ladies first prize, a coat hanger, was won by Miss Nellie Lusby, second prize, a picture, won by Miss Marian Clark, Consolation prize an inkstand, by Miss Blanche Wright. Men's first prize cigar case, won by Thomas Cruikshank second prize, box of candy, won by James Lockwood. At 10.50 o'clock, chicken salad, scalloped oysters, Maryland biscuit, coffee, salted nuts and candies were served.

The guests were Misses Marie Lockwood, Julia Lockwood, Dr. Edward M. Vaughan, J. Frank Biggs, James Lockwood, Middletown; Lanning Schrack, Germantown, Pa.; Edward Mifflin, Ridley Park; Miss Blanche Wright, John Piser, Warwick, Md.; Albert Ireland, Galena, Md.; Porter Lusby and wife, S. Wills Lusby and wife, Albert Davis and wife, Robert Ferguson and wife, Misses Cruikshank, Clark, Harland, Nellie Lusby, Julia Dushane and Emma Lusby, Messrs. Lusby, Thomas Chrnikshank, Noble Ferguson, George Oldham, George Morgan and Durney Oldham.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Lena Pleasanton was in Wilmington yesterday.

Mrs. Walter Beasten was in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Miss Dora Price has been spending several days in Smyrna.

Mrs. W. P. Cullen is spending several weeks with her daughter in Milford.

Miss Carrie McAleer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting Miss Helen Naudain.

Miss Covington, of Still Pond, Md., is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Miss Anna Weber, of Havre de Grace, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor.

Miss Martha Heaton attended a progressive luncheon given in Elkton, Md., last Saturday.

Mr. Richard S. Brown, of Mickleton, N. J., spent New Year's with the family of Mr. W. B. Kates.

Miss Helen Brady was a guest in Salisbury, Md., on Monday evening and attended the dance given there.

Mr. A. M. Brown, of Boston, was in town Wednesday evening, and received the glad hand of his numerous friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Mendinhall and children of Wilmington, spent New Year's dya with her father, Mr. C. P. Cochran.

Mrs. S. S. Holten is spending a month in Philadelphia, at the home of her son, Curtis B. Holten, while Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Holten are in Jamacia.

Misses Julia Lockwood, Justine Peverley, Helen Cochran, Helen Naudain, Carrie McAleer, Messrs. Julian Foard and James Woodall attended the Chestertown dance on Tuesday evening.

The Misses Brady and Miss Louise Cochran entertained Miss Lydia Watson, of Dover; Miss Eliza Short, of Milford; Miss Dortha Ramsey, of Allentown, Pa.; Miss Mary Hazell and Miss Lillian Speakman, of Smyrna, and Miss Elizabeth Johnson, of Farmington, during the New Year's dance.

The Misses Lockwood of West Main street entertained over New Year's Miss Fannie Woodall, of Georgetown, Md.; Dr. John R. Yorks, of Philadelphia; Edward L. Mifflin, of Ridley Park; George Stephens, of Colwyn, Pa., George and Edwin Dutton, of Seaford, and Oldham Davis, of Elkton, Md.

HYMENEAL

VANDYKE—MANLOVE

Miss Lida Wakefield Manlove second daughter of Edward W. Manlove, near town, was married on Wednesday evening to Mr. Ralph VanDyke, son of William VanDyke, of VanDyke's Station. Rev. A. W. Lightbourne performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white dotted mull trimmed with lace and wore white carnations in her hair. The bridesmaid, Miss Emma Manlove, a sister of the bride, wore white dotted swiss. Tinley Scott of Townsend was groomsman.

The house was beautifully trimmed with evergreens, and the bride and groom stood in front of a high bank of evergreens.

Refreshments of ice cream, cakes, fruits and candies were served, and the tables were beautiful with pretty china and pink carnations. Mr. Jefferson B. Foard very obligingly assisted the bride in cutting the wedding cake.

Many handsome presents were received including an oak bedroom set, silver, china and several gold pieces.

BAUM—ARMSTRONG

One of the social events in Washington on Christmas day was the marriage of Miss Elva N. Armstrong, of Middletown, daughter of ex Levy Court Commissioner J. G. Armstrong, of Odessa, to Mr. Earl C. Baum, of New York. They were married at the George Washington Hotel, which is on the corner of 15th and New York avenue. Rev. Mason Baum, of the Diocese of New York, who is the uncle of the groom, officiated. The bride was given away by her cousin, Miss N. Hayes. C. D. Crowe, of Washington, was best man, and C. G. Morrison, and J. Parker acted as ushers. They were married in the bell-room of the hotel, which was decorated in holly, mistletoe, palms, and point setters. During the dinner Mrs. Ines McConnell rendered a number of vocal selections, accompanied by blue orchestra. The bride wore a tailor made gown of dark blue broad cloth and carried a bouquet of bride roses from the White House conservatory. Miss Hayes wore an imported crepe-de-chine costume and carried a bouquet of violets. After the dinner the bridal party departed for their future home in the north. The bride received numerous and costly presents. Among those present were, Mrs. M. Hayes, William F. Reed, of Odessa; Mrs. Wm. F. Reed and family of Baltimore; the guests of the hotel, and a number of out of town guests.

PUBLIC SALES

MONDAY, JANUARY 15th, 1906.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Mrs. Annie Tush, at her residence one-half mile from VanDyke's. H. M. Deakyne, agt. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1906.—Public sale of stock and farm implements, &c., by D. M. Cochran, Jr., on the Julian Cochran, farm, on Bohemia Manor. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1906.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by James Lippincott on the Jamison home farm, near Jamison's Corner. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

PUBLIC SALE.—On the William A. Cleaver farm one mile west of Port Penn, on Thursday, January 25th, 1906. Stock, farming etc. ROBERT S. CARPENTER.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 1906—Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., of the late Dennis J. Nowland, at his late residence, near Armstrong's. JEFFERSON B. FOARD, Administrator. JOSEPH M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1906.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by G. B. W. Rhoades on the "Holten farm" in Cedar Lane. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th 1906.—Sale of stock, farming implements, household goods etc., by Joseph Cleaver, 2½ miles west of Port Penn, Del.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1906.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Boyd R Cleaver at his residence "Buttonwood Farm," on the road from Boyds' Corner to St. Georges. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1906.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Harry M Rhoades on the Wm. R. Cochran farm, "Foxes Range," on the Choptank road, leading to the Maryland line. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

LETTER TO J. C. ALSTON

Middletown Del.

Dear Sir: There are several ways of cheating in milk. An old-fashioned way is to water it. Nobody waters it now. A better way is to take out the cream—rich milk with the cream taken out is as good as poor milk with its cream all in.

But we needen't go into particulars.

You don't rob your milk and your customers.

Paint is as easy as milk to cheat with. Good paint is as rare as good milk; for human nature is much the same in milkmen and paint men.

You are just and true with your milk; so are we with our paint. Devoe lead-and-zinc is twice as good as mixed paints: There's twice as much butter in it.

Mr. J. T. Ladd, Cheraw, S C, writes. "When Mr. Evans painted his house with Devoe, he figured on how other paints covered and had enough left to paint three large rooms. He was so pleased that he has used Devoe on two other houses."

Yours truly
F. W. DEVOE & CO
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NEW YEAR'S DANCE

The Young Men of Middletown Give Brilliant Ball

The young men of Middletown gave their New Year's dance on Monday night in the Opera House. Middletown is famous for her dances, and this time she excelled herself. Several hundred invitations had been sent out and as many as could do so, accepted the invitations. Last year the dance was given by the young ladies, and when the young men want to get ahead of the young women of Middletown, they have to get up and hustle. This time they hustled with a will, and every thing passed off charmingly, although we will not admit that any dance could be nicer than the one given last year by the ladies.

The Opera House was decorated with holly and flags, and the ladies in beautiful evening dresses and the young men in full dress suits made the scene a brilliant one. Elliott's Orchestra of Wilmington, furnished the music of which there were six pieces, and dancing began soon after 8.30 o'clock and continued until the wee small hours. During the intermission at midnight coffee and sandwiches were served.

The patronesses were: Mrs. George V. Peverley, Mrs. Willard B. Biggs, Mrs. Clarence E. Pool and Mrs. Frank R. Pool. The committee in charge of affairs were: Joseph P. Comegys, Harry S. Brady, Dr. Edward M. Vanghan, Elias M. Shallcross, James E. Woodall, Jr., Charles H. Crawford, Fred S. Crouch, Julian H. Foard and George I. Lockwood.

Among those invited from a distance were:

Elkton, Md.—Miss Roberta Tull, Misses Jamar, Miss Rose Drennen, Misses Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Evans, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Edgar, Messrs. Charles Tull, John and William Constable, Oldham W. Davis, Joshua Clayton, Benjamin May, Henry Mitchell, Henry Warburton, John Hartnett and Fred Gilpin.

Newark—Dr. and Mrs. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jecks, Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Tyson, Misses Raub, Miss Wright, Messrs. Frazier, Messrs. Pie, Messrs. Howard Ferguson, D. Poffenberger, J. Pilling Wright and Joseph Hossinger.

Chesapeake City, Md.—Mr. and Mrs. Groome Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Steels, Dr. and Mrs. Delmar Smithers, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kibler, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clayton, Misses Reed, Misses Dora Steele, Florence Egee, Evelyn Kibler, Elsie Karsner, Messrs. Howard, Messrs. Howard Steele and Hugh Caldwell.

Dover—Mr. and Mrs. Alden B. Richardson, Misses Priscilla Walker, Lydia Watson, Maud McDaniel, Messrs. Hayes Wilson, Herbert Jones, James Allee, Walker Mifflin, Charles Fleming Cecil Fulton, Frank Davis and Max Harrington.

Milford—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Marshall, Misses Eliza Short, Mary Smith, Laura Hall, Messrs. Samuel and Chester Marshall, William Pierce and David Sipple.

Smyrna—Misses Janney, Misses Lillian Speakman, Eba C. Wilds, Clara W. Hazel, Mary Roberts, Agnes Carrow, Dr. Robert A. Comegys, Cummins Speakman, Linwood Phillips, Charles Stokley, Ayers Stokley, A. Lee Clifton, E. P. Collins, Vernon Phillips, Howard Jones, Charles LeFevre and Robert D. Hoffecker, Jr.

Wilmington—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Brown, Misses Katharine Pennington, Edith Conrad, Messrs. M. Campbell, J. Stewart Groves, George N. Davis, Ralph Bowler, Charles Williamson and Roland Carr.

Chestertown, Md.—Mr. and Mrs. John Toulson, Misses Stam, Misses Beck, Messrs. Rudolph Stam, Thomas Massey, George Vickers, Arthur Bradley, Earle Nicholson and Frank Skirven.

McDonough—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Pool and Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Pool.

Odessa—Mr. and Mrs. George L. Townsend, Jr., Misses Townsend and Elias Shallcross.

Philadelphia—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Yarnell, Mr. and Mrs. Allen McDowell, Misses Ray Lank, Margaret Williamson, Helen Harvey, Messrs. Brown Archer Finley, Victor Taylor, George Stephens, J. Lanning Shrack, Drs. Yorks and Harlan Wells.

Lancaster, Pa.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schroeder.

Harrington—Miss Caddie Sharp.

Cumberland, Md.—Miss Grace Weller.

Church Hill, Md.—Misses Dudley, Drs. Norman Dudley and Coppage.

Millington, Md.—Misses Rose and Eva Comegys and Paul Comegys.

Berlin, Md.—Miss Margaret Harmonson.

Sudlersville, Md.—Misses Roberts.

Centreville, Md.—Misses Keating, Bessie Nevett, Susie Watson and Mr. Lem Roberts.

Baltimore, Md.—Misses Woodall, Helen Wheeler and Mr. John Rouse.

New Castle—John Rodney.

Port Deposit, Md.—Miss Marie Barry.

Phœnixville, Pa.—William R. Hall.

Sharon Hill, Pa.—E. J. Griffith.

Georgetown—Joseph D. Truxton.

Mt. Pleasant—Misses Lydia Eliason, Blanche Eliason and Mr. Morris Eliason.

Georgetown, Md.—Andrew Wilson and wife.

Locust Grove, Md.—Miss Mabel Comeys.

Still Pond, Md.—Misses Mattie and Emma Davis.

Cecilton, Md.—Mr. and Mrs. Wills Lusby, Miss Emma Lusby.

Galena, Md.—Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Messrs. Edwin Hurtt and William Hyland.

Warwick, Md.—Misses Marsh, Blanche Wright, Dr. Galen Wright and Mr. John Piser.

Sassafras, Md.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and Mr. Charles Crawford.

Misses McAleer, Cahill and McCloskey and Mr. John McCloskey.

Delaware City—Mr. George McIntyre.

Massey, Md.—Misses Ware.

Seaford—Messrs. George and Edwin Dutton.

College Park, Md.—Mr. William R. Wharton.

New York City—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Glenn Goodhand.

Middletown—Dr. and Mrs. Dorsey W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Archer Crawford, Mrs. G. V. Peverley, Mrs. Julian Cochran, Mrs. Willard B. Biggs, Mrs. Frank J. Pennington, Misses Grace Parvis, Helen Cochran, Susie Foard, Marie Lockwood, Dora Price, Helen Naudain, Esther Shallcross, Louise Cochran, Mary Shallcross, Ethel Cochran, Justine Peverley, Bertie Cochran, Julia Lockwood, Blanche Lockwood Martha Heaton, Sara Cochran, Louise McDowell, Addie Pennington, Messrs. Harry Lockwood, Harry Brady, Lloyd Bragdon, William H. Brady, Fred Crouch, James Lockwood, Jay Parker, Bassett Ferguson, Lucian Green, Lee Pennington, Harold Green and Dr. E. M. Vaughan.

Some of the ladies who wore especially pretty gowns were: Mrs. F. J. Pennington in black net; Miss Dora Price in blue crepe de chine; Miss George Dudley, of Church Hill Md., in white swiss over pink silk; Miss Woodall, of Georgetown, Md., in yellow silk; Miss Louise McDowell in white chiffon; Mrs. Allan McDowell, of Philadelphia, in pink organdie; Miss Watson, of Dover, in white chiffon; Miss Speakman, of Smyrna, white brussels net, trimmed with satin ribbon; Miss Hazel, of Smyrna, in brussels net; Miss Ramsey, of Allentown, Pa., in white crepe de chene; Miss Short, of Milford, in white lace; Miss Johnson, of Farmington, in white net; Mrs. Archer Crawford in white muslin with pink ribbons; Mrs. D. W. Lewis in light blue silk; Mrs. G. V. Peverley in black lace; Miss Louise Cochran in white lace embroidered robe; Miss Mary Shallcross in white swiss; Mrs. W. B. Biggs in lavender organdie; Miss Esther Shallcross in white chiffon; Miss Helen Naudain in white silk; Miss Carrie McAleer in organdie; Miss Marie Lockwood in blue crepe de chine, trimmed with black velvet; Miss Helen Cochran white china silk; Miss Susie Foard white embroidered chiffon with pink ribbons; Miss Helen Townsend in white chiffon; Miss Grace Parvis in white swiss; Miss Julia Lockwood in white mull; Miss Justine Peverley in blue cashmere; Miss Blanche Lockwood in blue silk; Mrs. S. M. Lockwood in red silk; Miss Bertie Cochran in embroidered white lace; Miss Martha Heaton in white silk; Miss Addie Pennington in dark blue silk; Mrs. H. C. Browne, of Wilmington, in blue silk; Miss Elizabeth Lindley, of Virginia, in blue and white silk.

Several of the Middletown ladies entertained visitors: Miss Grace Parvis entertained Mrs. A. B. Richardson and Miss Walker, of Dover; Miss Mary Smith, of Milford, and Mrs. H. C. Browne, of Wilmington. Misses Marie, Blanche and Julia Lockwood entertained Miss Woodall, of Georgetown; Miss Stam, of Chestertown; George and Edwin Dutton, of Seaford; Chester Marshall, of Milford; Dr. Yorks and George Stephens, of Philadelphia, and Oldham Davis of Elkton. Misses Bertie and Louise Cochran entertained Miss Watson, of Dover; Misses Lillian Speakman, Mary Hazel, of Smyrna; Miss Ramsey, of Allentown, Pa.; Miss Short, of Milford, and Miss Johnson, of Farmington. Miss Dora Price entertained Misses Clara Hazel, of Smyrna and Georgia Dudley, of Church Hill, Md. Miss Louise McDowell entertained Mr. and Mrs. Allan McDowell, of Philadelphia, and Miss Helen Naudain entertained Miss Carrie McAleer.

PORT PENN

Mrs. Samuel C. Eaton is visiting relatives in Newport.

Miss M. D. Mendinhall returned on Friday from an extended visit to Odessa.

Mr. John Spicer and wife are entertaining their sister, Miss Katie, of Bethel.

Mr. Albert Bendler, son Harry, and grandson Russell, visited Wilmington on Friday last.

Henry Cleaver attended the funeral of his cousin, Miss Anna Derrickson, in Odessa, on Monday.

Mrs. Thomas Higgins and wife entertained their son Thomas, of Philadelphia, part of this week.

Mrs. Samuel Yearsley is making an extended visit with relatives in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Miss Lottie M. Davis, of West Chester, spent last week with her parents, Rev. B. F. Davis and wife.

Miss Alberta Harris, of Wilmington, spent part of this week with Miss Anna Keen, of near town.

Mr. Thomas Carty and wife, of Middletown, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Rufus S. Yearsley.

Mr. Elmer E. Bendler and wife spent two days of this week with his father, John Bendler, near Middletown.

Miss Annie P. Newnom has arrived this week from Harrington and assumed the principalship of the public school.

Rev. Frank S. Cain and wife, of Warwick, Md., were the guests of Edwin S. Zacheis and family on Thursday of last week.

Miss Florence Hall is visiting Delaware City this week, and attended the wedding of Mr. Eugene Reybold and Miss Moore.

Messrs. John S. Zacheis and T. Bayard Fisher started New Year's morning for Georgetown, S. C., where they were engaged in shad fishing.

Extra meetings are in progress at the Methodist Church this week, the pastor being assisted by his son Rev. Oscar E. Jones, of Lewisburg, Pa.

Mr. Albert Kumpel and family drove to Milford last week to spend a few days with his father-in-law, James R. Conard, arriving home again Tuesday evening.

THIEVES TOO LATE

A daring robbery occurred at McDonough on Sunday night, when the home of Boyd R. Cleaver was entered and the house ransacked from top to bottom. Mr. Cleaver had sold his farm only a few days before to Mr. Ginn, of near Odessa, and it was evidently the purchase money which the burglar was after, although he left the house without obtaining it. Mr. Cleaver had deposited it in bank the day before. The thief, however, made himself thoroughly at home, for he appropriated for his own use a handsome storm overcoat, a fine fur muff and a pair of driving gloves. He also proved to be the possessor of considerable nerve, for before he left he visited the sideboard and extracted therefrom a roasted chicken, some oranges and candy, of which he partook quite liberally.

Suspicion points to no one in the vicinity, for on the floor of one of the rooms was found a return trip railroad ticket to Wilmington.

CECILTON

Lewes McCoy spent one day last week with Charles Griffith.

Miss Carrie McCoy entertained Miss Frances Griffith on Monday.

John Smith, of Philadelphia spent over Sunday with relatives in town.

Mrs. Francis G. Griffith entertained a few of her friends last Friday evening.

Miss Edna Stephens has been spending the past week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Lillie Short gave a farwell party in honor of Herbert Trott last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. George Pierce and son George are visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Belle in Philadelphia.

James Shrach, or Philadelphia, has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. T. W. Lusby, during the past week.

Rev. William Harris and bride are spending this week with her parents, Clayton Templeman and wife.

Mr Snack of Greensboro, has accepted the position vacated by Herbert Trott who has returned to his home.

Mrs. S. P. Hoover and son Clifford have been spending the past week with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Jarrell in Viola.

Misses Mamie Bouchelle and Marion Boulden, of Chesapeake City, were entertained during the past week by Mrs. Edgar B. Manlove.

Miss Mary Dawson has returned to her studies in Wilmington, after spending the Holidays with her parents, Rev. W. M. Dawson and wife.

Miss Gussie McGee died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Frank Revelle, after a weeks illness of paralysis. A private service was held at the house; interment in Cecilton Cemetery.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	.81	Corn—	
No. 2	.78	Yellow, shelled	46
Timothy Seed $2.65		" cob	46
Clover Seed lb 10¼c		Oats	54

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	24@26
Country Butter, per lb	29@32
Creamery Butter, per lb	35
Lard, per lb	10@12
Live Chickens, per lb	12@15
Potatoes, per basket	30@40

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12.00	"	"	6.00
10.00	"	"	5.00
8.00	"	"	4.00
7.50	"	"	3.75
6.00	"	"	3.00
5.00	"	"	2.50
4.00	"	"	2.00
3.50	"	"	1.75

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